



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA JUNE 1981

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$2.35). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
 - not applicable
 - r figure or series revised since previous issue
 - p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
 - n.a. not available
 - n.y.a. not yet available
 - break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)
7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80—																
May	8,209	5,480	24,188	36.6	8,279	7,898	30,605	29,235	488	466	481	451	35.7	30.6	267	293
June	8,174	7,871		35.2	8,709	8,029	34,984	29,883	576	602	457	455	29.8	29.5	284	288
1980-81—																
July	6,637	6,491		31.7	9,486	8,185	37,650	29,478	736	744	495	460	35.5	32.1	330	298
August	5,004	5,464	25,707	32.5	8,973	8,048	34,532	28,767	685	698	502	484	29.6	29.1	321	297
September	8,612	7,707		32.1	8,231	8,048	31,793	29,371	614	602	443	426	33.0	28.7	351	293
October	10,127	8,360		30.9	8,206	8,153	29,275	28,705	629	601	479	457	35.1	29.0	r394	r328
November	8,818	8,136	24,060	33.1	7,927	8,540	27,939	30,718	635	688	512	487	32.0	29.4	r347	r295
December	6,649	8,077		31.0	7,999	8,585	25,248	29,197	653	626	448	471	28.4	32.0	r317	r305
January	6,249	8,664		22.5	7,834	8,610	27,897	35,036	728	671	312	451	12.8	39.0	r119	r288
February	8,751	8,437	22,798	23.8	7,521	8,479	27,424	33,625	634	675	447	450	32.2	32.3	r296	r318
March	9,327	8,728		23.1	8,284	8,572	32,684	36,271	691	669	523	508	32.4	29.7	313	294
April	8,022	8,628		32.5	7,999	8,563	32,045	34,373	678	732	538	541	29.4	31.2	285	318
May	9,494	8,780	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r8,942	r8,585	r37,459	r35,672	675	653	576	546	36.3	32.7	292	325
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	9,426	8,666	41,087	34,933	596	608	459	453	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	283	286

(a) Gross mine output (b) Metallic contents of mine products (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS (a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(b)	Whole milk intake by factories (c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80—														
May	3,509	3,120	673	732	13,158	201	194	287.2	210	419	30,388	73.6	26,089	26,071
June	3,543	3,230	513	610	13,311	167	171	289.2	220	455	23,544	68.8	(f)26,315	(f)26,297
1980-81—														
July	4,599	4,133	839	757	14,278	208	209	292.6	302	459	41,010	74.9		
August	3,769	3,154	683	703	13,026	197	195	296.5	452	471	72,055	(e)80.7	27,639	27,543
September	3,715	3,364	771	734	13,057	214	205	299.3	588	448	102,447	82.4		
October	4,338	3,520	1,032	848	r13,725	233	214	300.4	688	433	103,574	80.7		
November	3,509	3,325	907	874	12,047	187	175	302.0	661	437	79,198	79.0	28,197	28,301
December	2,966	3,589	775	780	9,719	182	195	304.2	609	420	58,234	76.4		
January	1,447	3,160	516	1,045	r4,334	168	179	305.9	492	411	34,284	81.3		
February	3,703	3,986	957	862	11,463	171	174	309.1	379	415	35,103	76.3	28,564	28,580
March	3,830	4,042	895	767	12,767	168	156	310.8	335	422	44,012	75.9		
April	3,939	4,653	682	713	11,141	205	221	312.5	264	423	r39,732	82.5		
May	r3,713	r2,290	r648	r722	r12,965	201	194	313.3	215	432	28,939	79.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
June	3,991	3,644	668	743	14,264	167	171	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629/0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia has increased its membership from August 1980 resulting in an increase in the percentage of the total wool received by Brokers. (e) The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers see September Quarter issue of 5629/0 for further details of this revision. (f) Comparability differences due to sample revision.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices(a) \$m		Export price index (b) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (c) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1979-80—								
May	1,537	1,473	2,800	2,082	182	280	544	5,271
June	1,803	1,394			179	59	78	5,681
1980-81—								
July	1,679	1,592			180	263	201	5,933
August	1,489	1,463	2,608	2,286	182	396	183	5,533
September	1,404	1,617			184	517	329	5,718
October	1,671	1,734			185	574	1,027	6,094
November	1,595	1,325	2,560	2,272	185	147	270	5,981
December	1,588	1,536			185	193	79	5,430
January	1,670	1,406			186	281	544	5,586
February	1,576	1,613	2,661	2,236	186	442	395	5,172
March	1,474	1,595			185	723	766	5,153
April	1,661	1,705			186	442	993	5,762
May	1,739	1,624	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	186	384	r579	5,858
June	1,652	1,746			n.y.a.	561	667	5,709

(a) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421 0. (b) Introduced in July 1979. For further details see July 1979 issue of publication 6405 0. (c) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(d) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(e) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc (b) \$m		Food and drink(b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture(b) \$m		Other(b)(c) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1979-80—														
May	2,666	2,527	3,668	3,743	2,541	2,516	1,255	1,342	37.7	35.2	10.8	10.0		3,018
June	2,399	2,572							36.5	36.9	11.1	10.0		3,011
1980-81—														
July	2,552	2,645							43.2	37.7	11.9	10.1		3,007
August	2,552	2,637	3,814	3,919	2,549	2,637	1,331	1,402	39.3	38.2	10.0	10.4		3,005
September	2,591	2,693							37.5	37.9	10.0	10.4		3,901
October	2,735	2,653							40.2	38.4	10.7	10.1		3,017
November	2,747	2,728	4,327	4,027	3,207	2,738	1,699	1,429	36.4	38.3	9.6	10.2		3,028
December	3,751	2,792							39.9	40.8	10.0	10.1		3,027
January	2,630	2,782							31.8	38.1	9.3	11.6		3,073
February	2,470	2,796	4,027	4,158	2,427	2,838	1,350	1,462	35.8	38.9	10.8	11.7		3,089
March	2,682	2,849							38.7	37.7	12.4	12.3		3,106
April	2,716	2,807							37.2	36.8	11.7	11.9		3,118
May	2,922	2,849	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	39.6	38.6	11.9	11.4		3,146
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p42.8	p41.1	p13.5	p11.8		n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: March \$156m, April \$152m, May \$160m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)								
	Original	Seas. adj.			All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
1979-80—													
May	257.90	258.60	629.3	1.4	298.4	296.2	303.7	324.5	253.4	310.3	307.9	348.8	136.2
June			629.6	1.3		298.9							
1980-81—													
July			656.8	1.4		300.3							
August	270.40	270.20	657.3	1.4	304.0	302.5	307.2	333.1	262.2	311.3	314.3	354.7	138.5
September			659.5	1.4		304.4							
October			661.3	1.4		307.4							
November	289.70	278.10	661.5	1.5	310.3	310.5	314.1	341.7	267.8	317.1	317.2	358.9	140.6
December			661.8	1.6		314.4							
January			685.7	1.2		317.8							
February	270.70	284.00	685.7	1.4	317.7	316.2	317.5	348.9	275.3	328.7	324.0	364.7	144.5
March			685.9	1.5		316.8							
April			685.9	1.4		317.7							
May	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	710.1	1.5	324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	368.4	146.5
June			n.s.a.	1.5		326.1							

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. (c) Excludes rural. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6330.0. (e) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (f) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (g) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings 000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) 000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building(b)	Materials used in building other than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80-															
May	730.4	664.0	13.3	12.4	119.9	2,129.1	2,039.7	34.1	32.9	320.0	104.8	697.3	674.0	2,001.1	1,807.1
June	771.1	692.5	13.1	12.2	103.3					325.2	106.6				
1980-81 -															
July	760.9	711.1	13.2	12.1	72.6					329.9	108.1				
August	762.4	830.6	12.8	13.6	101.9	2,531.0	2,417.3	38.5	37.1	334.4	109.7	755.0	756.6	2,125.9	2,201.7
September	767.3	717.0	13.0	12.4	123.0					337.2	110.5				
October	821.7	766.0	14.1	13.2	73.6					338.5	111.0				
November	770.8	767.7	13.1	12.9	107.2	2,283.5	2,435.9	36.0	37.3	339.6	111.4	924.5	804.3	2,377.1	2,254.9
December	763.7	797.4	12.5	12.7	112.3					340.6	111.8				
January	625.2	706.5	10.4	14.1	95.8					343.0	112.9				
February	714.1	806.6	11.6	13.0	94.9	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	p31.5	p31.9	348.1	114.2	841.2	1,027.6	2,028.5	2,324.0
March	875.6	836.1	14.3	13.0	101.7					351.2	115.2				
April	828.2	848.6	13.3	13.5	90.5					352.9	115.8				
May	933.8	890.2	13.2	12.7	134.1	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	355.1	116.7	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.
June	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.					357.0	117.8				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release Issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981). For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement issued under Catalogue number 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) The previous index, calculated on reference base 1966-67 = 100.0, has been replaced by a revised index calculated on reference base 1979-80 = 100.0. For further details of this revision, see February 1981 issue of 6407.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks — depositors' balances (c) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (d) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (a)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies lenders (e)							
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Banks \$m	societies \$m	\$m					
1979-80—															
May	20,846	21,130	22,436	22,950	17,613	17,516	19,000	334	244	111	11.54	664.5	3,711	2,667	
June	21,261	21,270	22,680	23,519	17,514	17,620	19,259	295	209	104	11.50		2,800	2,711	
1980-81—															
July	21,351	21,344	23,010	23,966	17,864	17,833	19,604	332	252	108	11.34		2,267	2,841	
August	21,592	21,518	23,278	24,205	17,901	17,938	19,889	305	232	109	11.50	608.2	2,861	2,865	
September	21,771	21,663	23,630	24,264	17,811	17,775	20,175	302	262	106	11.50		2,157	2,941	
October	22,098	21,888	24,288	24,411	18,273	17,915	20,483	358	263	130	11.58		2,487	3,005	
November	22,210	22,180	24,555	24,617	18,356	18,083	20,951	317	248	125	12.42	1,204.0	3,050	3,020	
December	22,699	22,621	25,127	24,570	18,638	18,434	21,313	327	229	121	12.85		2,513	3,189	
January	22,705	22,623	25,292	24,611	18,606	18,753	21,562	320	197	99	13.10		2,841	3,216	
February	22,950	22,837	25,564	24,520	18,595	19,022	21,816	359	181	119	13.12	n.y.a.	3,056	3,056	
March	22,833	22,960	26,147	25,034	18,802	19,134	22,093	374	189	139	13.10		3,252	3,539	
April	22,552	22,913	26,219	25,356	19,457	19,449	22,472	375	158	129	13.15		4,767	3,377	
May	22,819	23,142	25,806	26,401	19,851	19,740	23,107	342	134	131	13.10	n.y.a.	4,664	3,308	
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	25,959	26,921	19,714	19,841	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.10		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes external territories. (d) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure										Gross fixed capital expenditure				
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
AT CURRENT PRICES															
1979-80—															
December	30,894	28,029	3,374	1,929	27,520	26,100	17,865	16,939	4,705	4,534	4,113	3,907	2,333	2,260	
March	27,858	29,005	1,668	1,820	26,190	27,185	16,975	17,662	4,502	4,767	3,715	4,109	2,076	2,368	
June	28,416	29,878	1,002	1,861	27,414	28,017	17,925	18,015	5,082	4,914	4,570	4,338	2,699	2,287	
1980-81—															
September	30,849	31,044	1,598	1,873	29,251	29,171	18,484	18,649	5,031	5,111	4,913	4,975	2,208	2,416	
December	35,793	32,366	3,225	1,829	32,568	30,537	20,401	19,303	5,805	5,602	5,221	4,951	2,583	2,502	
March	31,200	33,099	1,293	1,567	29,907	31,532	18,944	19,825	5,249	5,547	4,906	5,439	2,225	2,535	
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES															
1979-80—															
December	19,600	17,419	2,374	1,140	17,226	16,279	10,773	10,201	3,004	2,902	2,468	2,344	1,418	1,373	
March	16,645	17,409	1,024	1,132	15,621	16,277	9,932	10,344	2,791	2,959	2,153	2,381	1,206	1,372	
June	16,454	17,580	411	1,121	16,043	16,459	10,275	10,323	3,100	2,980	2,579	2,452	1,533	1,303	
1980-81—															
September	17,632	17,805	756	1,039	16,876	16,766	10,356	10,449	2,957	3,014	2,700	2,729	1,212	1,325	
December	20,237	18,029	1,949	967	18,288	17,062	11,256	10,631	3,275	3,165	2,814	2,669	1,389	1,346	
March	17,079	18,166	857	984	16,226	17,182	10,187	10,676	2,984	3,158	2,589	2,871	1,167	1,324	
AT CURRENT PRICES— continued															
Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises														
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
1979-80—															
December	4,962	4,983	5,595	5,431	3,725	3,182	8,238	6,332	15,640	15,128	2,658	8,015		3,487	22,825
March	5,328	5,266	5,517	5,616	2,822	3,259	5,859	6,295	15,333	15,703	1,014	6,880		4,289	18,938
June	5,173	5,260	5,502	5,443	3,469	3,628	5,280	6,543	16,009	16,183	351	8,488		6,262	18,586
1980-81—															
September	5,824	5,794	5,315	5,453	3,592	3,576	6,571	6,634	16,962	16,975	937	7,693		3,523	22,070
December	5,877	5,877	5,660	5,477	4,702	4,078	8,615	6,704	18,472	17,470	2,445	9,194		4,039	26,073
March	5,999	5,926	5,337	5,428	3,638	4,112	6,090	6,695	17,322	18,243	574	7,612		5,019	20,489

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)							UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)						JOB VACANCIES ('000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1979-80—													
May	4,201.1	4,193.6	2,450.3	2,443.5	6,651.4	6,637.5	201.0	141.6	71.0	219.9	193.7	413.6	29.8
June	4,179.2	n.a.	2,459.6	n.a.	6,638.8	n.a.	193.1	144.7	68.3	208.9	197.1	406.1	
1980-81—													
July	4,189.5	n.a.	2,475.9	n.a.	6,665.4	n.a.	190.0	134.8	60.6	205.3	180.0	385.4	
August	4,180.0	4,200.3	2,459.0	2,468.1	6,639.0	6,668.0	193.3	139.4	59.7	209.1	183.2	392.3	30.1
September	4,221.1	n.a.	2,509.7	n.a.	6,730.8	n.a.	197.9	137.6	70.0	211.1	194.4	405.5	
October	4,195.6	n.a.	2,466.1	n.a.	6,661.7	n.a.	180.1	127.0	68.6	194.8	180.9	375.7	
November	4,189.6	4,211.4	2,476.0	2,478.4	6,665.5	6,693.5	171.4	131.1	54.3	182.8	174.1	357.0	34.3
December	4,306.7	n.a.	2,514.9	n.a.	6,821.5	n.a.	206.1	151.2	74.6	226.2	205.8	432.0	
January	4,251.6	n.a.	2,397.8	n.a.	6,649.4	n.a.	218.2	158.7	53.4	233.9	196.5	430.4	
February	4,271.4	4,236.8	2,473.4	2,461.9	6,744.8	6,696.6	203.6	154.7	65.8	220.0	204.1	424.1	33.5
March	4,278.9	n.a.	2,521.0	n.a.	6,799.9	n.a.	185.8	144.9	79.2	203.2	206.6	409.9	
April	4,256.2	n.a.	2,509.2	n.a.	6,765.4	n.a.	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	376.0	
May	4,257.1	4,248.9	2,495.6	2,490.0	6,752.9	6,738.4	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	35.7
June	4,244.3	n.a.	2,484.9	n.a.	6,729.2	n.a.	161.9	120.3	66.0	181.3	168.5	349.8	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of 6201.0. (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
('000)**

Month	Civilian employees											Defence Forces(c)	Total Government	
	Commonwealth		State(b)		Northern Territory		Local(b)		Total					
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons			
1980—														
April	276.2	121.1	581.1	407.6	7.5	6.4	104.3	25.9	969.0	561.1	1,530.1	71.2	1,601.3	
May	276.2	121.3	582.2	408.0	7.5	6.4	103.9	25.9	969.7	561.6	1,531.3	71.4	1,602.7	
June	275.8	120.7	582.3	409.0	7.5	6.5	103.7	26.1	969.4	562.3	1,531.7	71.5	1,603.2	
July	275.8	121.6	582.7	410.5	7.5	6.6	103.3	26.1	969.3	564.8	1,534.1	71.8	1,605.9	
August	276.1	122.4	583.0	411.8	7.5	6.6	103.0	26.3	969.6	567.1	1,536.7	71.8	1,608.5	
September	276.1	122.4	582.7	415.0	7.5	6.6	103.0	26.5	969.3	570.4	1,539.7	72.0	1,611.7	
October	276.4	122.8	581.8	416.4	7.5	6.6	102.9	26.8	968.6	572.6	1,541.2	72.1	1,613.3	
November	276.4	123.3	581.5	416.6	7.6	6.6	102.9	27.3	968.3	573.8	1,542.1	72.1	1,614.2	
December	277.9	124.5	580.7	413.4	7.5	6.6	103.4	27.5	969.5	571.9	1,541.4	71.7	1,613.1	
1981—														
January	278.2	124.3	580.2	402.1	7.6	6.5	103.8	26.6	969.6	559.5	1,529.1	72.3	1,601.4	
February	278.3	124.9	581.8	415.7	7.5	6.5	103.2	27.6	970.8	574.7	1,545.5	72.4	1,617.9	
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	420.2	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	580.1	1,552.4	72.5	1,624.9	
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	422.2	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	582.1	1,554.6	72.5	1,627.1	
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	420.7	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	580.6	1,552.1	72.4	1,624.5	

(a) For further details, see page 10 of June 1981 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Excludes State and local government employees (3.8) thousand persons in June 1980) engaged in agriculture or in private homes—as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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